

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 1 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

30 APRIL 2014

It was with a significant sense of pride that I looked at photos of our many students participating in the 2014 Singleton ANZAC Day March. Well done everyone for such a wonderful turnout on what proved to be a stormy morning. Thank you to our parents and staff that committed time so that our children could demonstrate their respect to servicemen both past and present.

During the holiday period, I was fortunate to travel to the Republic of Korea on an educational tour with a number of other primary and secondary principals. It is amazing the advancements that Korea has made in its short modern history since the Korean War (1953). Underpinning the Korean culture is respect for elders and the history; quality in everything that is done from classwork to major construction projects; and being responsible for the future of the nation...sounds familiar doesn't it.

Over the past few weeks a number of parents have contributed to our school in two very different yet valuable ways. Mr Tim Gore donated man hours and resources to install a number of power points into our Breakfast Club facility to enable more electrical appliances to operate at the one time. On Monday, Ms Monique Buckley provided the wonderful catering for our School Development Day. It is great that parents and the school community can work together to benefit the school. Thank you Tim and Monique!

Today our school commenced Ethic Classes for students that have opted not to attend special religious education (SRE). Our initial cohort of students is from Stage 1 and is under the guidance of an authorised Primary Ethics facilitator. People interested in this program can gain more information from www.primaryethics.com.au or contact our school coordinator, Mrs Jan Fallding.

I would like to extend a welcome to Mrs Natalie Moore who will be teaching 5E whilst Miss Edgar travels to Madagascar for a number of weeks. Mrs Moore is a regular at our school and I know that she is working closely with Mr Russell and Mrs Van Der Wel to continue the Year 5 program.

A warm welcome to three new students to Singleton Public School...welcome Ashton (Y1), Jordan (Y3) and Riley (Y6). You have arrived at a busy, yet fun time for our school – enjoy!

David Crowe
Principal



Education &
Communities

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 30 April	Anzac Day assembly at school at 10.30 am in school hall
Friday 2 May	Aboriginal Parent Morning Tea
Monday 5 May	After School Sports resumes for Term 2
Tuesday 6 May	Kirkland Cup
Wednesday 7 May	School Disco P & C Meeting
Friday 9 May	Hunter Cross Country Book Club payments due
Monday 12 May	Year 6 Canberra
Tuesday 13 May	Yr 6 Canberra NAPLAN
Wednesday 14 May	Yr 6 Canberra NAPLAN
Thursday 15 May	Yr 6 Canberra NAPLAN

This week's assembly will be hosted by the Boys and Dad Education Group at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

School Crossing Near Miss Register

All parents and community members are encouraged to register with the school all cases of near misses on the School Crossings on Elizabeth and Hunter streets. The school is working with Singleton Shire Council to develop a proposal to upgrade the safety of these crossings and we need to produce relevant data.

When you contact the Office please list the street you were on; the approximate time; and the direction the vehicle was travelling. The Office can be contacted on 6571 2250.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Wearing correct school uniform with pride

I believe that I have seen every student in our school wear their full school uniform throughout Term 1. I challenge all students to come to school in 100% perfect uniform including black shoes and school hats. Our uniform is outstanding and is clearly identifiable in our wider community. I have to admit – it certainly is an improvement on the grey and grey that I used to wear in primary school.

ANZAC Day March

Congratulations to all of the students and staff who represented Singleton Public School at the 2014 Anzac Day March. Below is a picture of some of the students at last week's Anzac Day March. It was great to see you all there.

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Active After School Sport

Active After School Sport starts in Week 2 (Monday 5th May) for students in Years 1-6. Students who are in Kindergarten will start from Week 3. Students who are in Kindergarten and who are doing Active After School Sport will need to meet at Miss Moon's classroom at 3.10pm each week and will be walked over to sport by Miss Moon.

A reminder that all students who participate in Active After School Sport need to have filled in the permission note which is available on the school website.

Thank you.

Joel Andrews

Active After School Sport Co-ordinator

Statement of Accounts

During the first few weeks each school term, the school sends home Statement of Accounts. These accounts have been sent home this week and may include outstanding voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levies. Other items that may be listed on these Statement of Accounts throughout the year include excursions, sports carnivals, visiting shows, etc. Thank you to those families who have already paid. The invoices were printed on Monday, 28 April so please disregard if you have made any payments since this time.

Thank you!

A BIG thank you to Tim Gore of Gore Electrical Services for installing much needed power points in the Breakfast Club area.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to use zucchini!

Now's a great time to add Zucchini to family meals - it's in season, delicious + cheap!

A few Zucchini Facts:

- Most of us know zucchini comes in **dark green**, but did you know zucchini also comes in **yellow + pale green** varieties?
- Zucchini can be **stir-fried, steamed, pan-fried, barbequed or grilled** so why not try zucchini a different way today?
- Try thinly slicing or grating raw zucchini and **adding it to an omelette or scrambled eggs** to add a serve of veg to your family brekky.



For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
 or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 2 Term 2 2014

Mon 5/5/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Tammie Cox, Rebecca Hobbs

Fri 9/5/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kim Carter

Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 1, Term 2 2014

Mon 5/5/14 Mark Franks, Anna Adamthwaite

Tues 6/5/14 Angela Johnston, Janine Justen

Wed 7/5/14 Pam Dicks, Di Cooke

Thurs 8/5/14 Tanith Bell, Teresa Mexon

Fri 9/5/14 Jenna Pfeiffer, Robyn Skinner

Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It's no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z's technology glossary. You'll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: <http://bit.ly/188OerY>

Credit Card Payment Slip

The school can accept credit card payments (Visa and Mastercard only) over the phone or by mail. Please note, this is not an EFTPOS facility. EFTPOS (Savings or Cheque a/c) can only be paid over the counter.

This facility can be used to pay school contributions, excursions, uniforms or P&C levy etc. The minimum payment is \$20.00. Building Fund and Library Fund cannot be paid by credit card.

Student's Name: Class:

What are you paying for?

Credit Card Type (please tick one) ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard Amount paying \$.....

Cardholder Name (as shown on card) Please print in capitals

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Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____

CSV ____ (last three digits on back of card)

Signature of Cardholder Contact Number:

School Photos

School photos will be taking place on Tuesday, 27 May for Kinder to Year 6. Family photos and group photos, eg, Student Leaders, Student Council and House Captains, will also be done on this day.

The photos will be taken by MSP Photography who use a pre-pay system for their photographic services. A photo envelope will be sent home with each child which will give you the opportunity to order and pay for your children's photographs. They offer a 100% money-back guarantee if you are not completely satisfied with photographs.

This envelope needs to be filled in correctly and **returned to school on Photo Day Tuesday, 27 May for Kinder to Year 6.**

The correct money for each student can be placed in their individual envelope. However the payment for all students in a family can also be placed in one envelope providing ALL envelopes are handed into their class teacher with it clearly marked on each envelope the name and class of the child who has the money enclosed (eg Joe Smith, 5R envelope). Please make any cheques payable to MSP Photography or enclose correct amount of money. **THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR CANTEEN DOES NOT HANDLE MONEY OR CHANGE.** If paying for the whole family in one envelope, only one cheque is required for the total amount.

Family envelopes will be available from the school office. If you would like your children to have a family photo taken, a family photo envelope will be available from the school office closer to the date of the photos. These envelopes will also need to be returned to school on the day. The family photos are for school students only.

Other group photos will be taken on the same day. Parents and carers will be able to order these later in the Term. A notice will appear in the newsletter when they are available to be ordered.

Please note that the school office will be closed from 8.30-9.00 am on Tuesday, 27 May while the staff photo is taken.

Full school winter uniform must be worn by all students, including navy socks and black shoes.

Boys and Dads Education Group

Congratulations to members of the Boys and Dads group who participated in the Gresford Billy Cart Derby during the holidays. The following reports are from two students who attended. Although none of the boys made the final, they all performed extremely well with the best time being 26 seconds. All of the boys and dads had a great time and represented our school with great pride.

Billy Cart Derby 2014

Firstly I would like to thank Mr Ella for making the Singleton school signs that went on all the go-carts and to all the parents that helped out with the billycars. Even with all the trouble we had on the day everyone raced and had an excellent day. The behaviour of our students was fantastic.

Thanks Mr Russell for setting up the day.

Cameron

Billy Cart Derby 2014

Firstly I would like to thank all the parents for the help and a special thanks to Mr Ella for the Singleton Public School signs that he made. I would also like to thank Mr Russell for an excellent day. The children's behaviour was fantastic. It was an amazing day.

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Easter Hat Parade

Congratulations to the award recipients for the Easter Hat Parade:- (Back row) Riley, Evan, Tess , (Middle row) Tomeeka, Lucy, Abbey, Angus, (Front row) Hunter & Hamish.

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Congratulations to the raffle winners:

Jasmine

Abby

Lachie

Cley

Mrs Van Der Wel

Mrs Randall

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Kindergarten Vet Visit

On Thursday, 20 March Kindergarten went to the Singleton Veterinary Hospital. The article below appeared in the Vet's newsletter:-

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Canteen News

Welcome back to school for Term 2! If you are able to come in and volunteer in the school canteen, please contact Nicole in the Canteen.

NAPLAN Information

"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au."

Uniform Shop

Great news!! The Uniform Shop has now received a shipment of polo shirts. There should now be a good range of sizes available.

Our new Uniform Shop Co-ordinator is Nicole Furness who is a parent of one of our Kindergarten students. Welcome and thank you to Nicole.

As always, if you can spare one hour per month, please put your name down at the office so that you can be added to the Uniform Shop Roster.

Scholastic Bookclub

The school receives bookclub order forms from Scholastic which are sent home throughout the year via your child's class teacher. The children are given the return date by their teacher which is usually one or two weeks after the forms are received. The due date will also appear in the calendar on the front page of the newsletter. Should you wish to make an order, please complete the order form on the last page of the brochure and return to school with payment in an envelope or zip-lock bag. You can send cash, a cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or alternatively pay by credit card direct to Scholastic using the instruction below.

Paying Bookclub by Credit Card??

If you would like to pay for your Scholastic Book club orders by credit card please note the following steps to take:

- To make credit card payments faster and more secure you must either pay Scholastic direct by phoning Freecall 1800 557 908 or;
- Online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment;
- A receipt number will then be provided, which needs to be recorded on the bottom of the order coupon and returned to the school office as normal;
- The school then sends that receipt/coupon to Scholastic so they can marry up your order with the payment.

Primary Ethics

Commencing in Term 2, Singleton Public School will become the first school in the area to offer Primary Ethics as part of its Special Religious Education (SRE) program. The program will initially be offered to students in Stage 1 and will be delivered by authorised presenter Mr Geoff Matthews during our regular scripture times. Mrs Jan Fallding is acting as the programs coordinator and she welcomes interested parents and carers to discuss the program with her if you have questions. Please note that for any child to participate in a Primary Ethics class that is offered, the school MUST receive a signed and dated note that clearly states that the child is to attend Primary Ethics.

Jan Fallding - Volunteer Primary Ethics Co-ordinator for Singleton PS - primaryethicsatps@gmail.com

Guitar Lessons

Commencing in Term 2, staff from Singleton Sound Solutions will be conducting guitar lessons at the school each Tuesday afternoon during school time. This program is being made available to provide more children the opportunity to engage with music and learn an instrument.

For a term cost of \$44 students will be able to access a weekly 30 minute lesson with four peers. Students will also be able to purchase a guitar on a payment plan so that they can learn and practice on their own instrument. Singleton Sound Solutions will also have 'borrow' instruments available at each lesson for students to use prior to committing to the purchase of an instrument.

We need at least 10 participants for this program to operate and may be limited to 20 participants. Please return the attached interest slip to the school to register your interest in this program. At this stage there are still places available.

Our tutors will be Nick Gibbs and/or Josh Hogan.

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Guitar Lessons with Singleton Sound Solutions (return to school office)

My child _____ of class _____ is interested in being involved in the guitar lessons offered by Singleton Sound Solutions to be held at Singleton Public School. This program is supported by the school but is conducted solely by Singleton Sound Solutions on a group lesson basis.

Name _____ Contact _____ Signature _____



2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

Apply before 5pm
Friday 13 June 2014



\$125*
**TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS**

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

* eligibility criteria apply

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

- A \$125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A \$137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment; and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

- **ONLINE** – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

Netball Clinic

Saturday 3 May, 2014

Netball NSW in conjunction with Maitland District Netball Association is hosting a Come and Try session for People with Disabilities.

This FREE clinic is for girls of all abilities and skill levels, and a great chance to meet new friends while learning new skills in a safe & inclusive environment.

When: Saturday 3 May, 2014

Where: Maitland District Netball Association – Maitland Park, Blomfield Street Maitland
Time: 11.15am – 12.00pm

Cost: Free!

Bring: Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat, and wear closed in running shoes

- 45 minutes of netball activities
- For girls with a disability between 5 - 14 years
- For all skill levels & abilities
- Canteen available

Participants are encouraged to pre-register by Thursday 24 April so secure your spot today!

To register your interest please contact:

Jenny Fullford

M. 0407 033 180

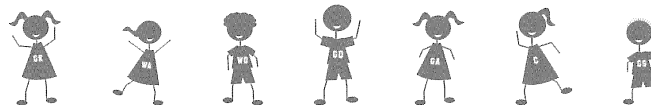
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Play lots of fun games and improve your netball skills all at the same time!

let's play netball



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Singleton Public School



Parent Invitation

Ani-gunyah Parents and Carers,

In 2014, our school has been able to run a specific Aboriginal Culture Program with teacher Ms Julie Sullivan.

I would like to invite all Aboriginal parents, and interested family members, to join us for a morning tea to discuss this program and to share how Singleton Public School is supporting our Aboriginal students and culture.

When: 10:15am Friday 2nd May, 2014

Where: Connected Classroom – Behind the Office

Please contact the Office (6571 2250) to advise if you will be able to attend. I look forward to meeting you on the day.

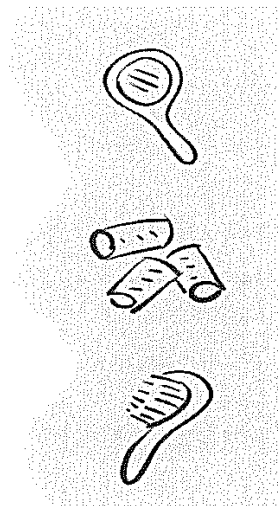
David Crowe – Principal



TERM 2

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
APR/ MAY 1	28 Staff Development Day	29 Students Return	30 Anzac Day Assembly	1	2 Aboriginal Parent Morning Tea Mus South Tennis Knockout	3
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MAY 2	5 Hunter Golf Active After School Sports commences	6 Kirkland Cup	7 School Disco P&C Meeting	8	9 Hunter Cross Country	10
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MAY 3	12 Year 6 Canberra	13 NAPLAN Year 6 Canberra	14 NAPLAN Zone Touch (After School) Year 6 Canberra	15 NAPLAN Year 6 Canberra	16 Year 6 Canberra	17
						18
MAY 4	19	20 ICAS (UNSW) Computer Test Knights Knockout	21 5-6pm Parents maths workshop	22	23	24
						25
MAY 5	26	27 School Photos	28	29	30 Hunter touch	31
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JUNE 6	2	3	4 ICAS (UNSW) Science Test P&C Meeting	5 Hunter Life Van	6 Hunter Life Van Hunter Softball	7
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JUNE 7	9 Long Weekend	10 Hunter Life Van	11 Hunter Life Van	12 Hunter Life Van	13 Hunter Life Van	14
						15
JUNE 8	16 Hunter Life Van Commonwealth Games Day	17	18 Athletics Carnival Years 3- 6	19 Active After School Sports concludes	20 Hunter Rugby Union	21
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JUNE 9	23 NAIDOC Week	24 NAIDOC Week	25 NAIDOC Week	26 NAIDOC Week	27 Hunter Softball NAIDOC Week NAIDOC Day	28
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Theme: Crazy Hair

When: Wednesday 7th May

Time: K-2: 5-6pm 3-6: 6-7:30pm

Cost: \$4

See you there with crazy hair!

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1 Week 11, 2014

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KL	Harley Khloe	KM	Yonggi Lilly-Rose
KS	Amelia Sheridyn	1A	Shilah Harrison
1G	Riley Regan	1DL	Siaan Bryon
	Ella Lachlan		
2B	Brayden Ethan	2P	Ivy Jasper
2Z	Abbie Marcus	3H	Laura Lucy Miller
3P	Adam Lucy Eli	3/4S	Tiarna Holly Caroline
4A	Connor Whyatt	5E	Joshua Louis Alissa
5RV	Apii Coby Sophie	6D	Patrick Annaliese Sadie
6M	Bailey Andrew	Support Unit	Jett Anakin

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Stirling	KM	Stage 1	Braeden	2B
Stage 2	Lilanna	3/4S	Stage 3	Kye	6D

Super Citizens

KM	Jasmine	3P	Eevie
1DL	Charlie	5E	Jack
2P	Clancy	6M	Flynn

Class work from KL

* Leo

I had a fantastic holiday. I
went to Sea World. I
saw the dolphins do a flip
through a high hoop.



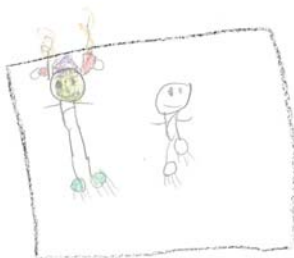
Elliot

I had a fantastic holiday. I
had a birthday. My
cake had strawberries
on it.



SAM

I had a fantastic holiday. I
went to the Lego movie.
I liked the Police officer
and the Master Builder.



Jh y

I had a fantastic holiday. I
had lots of excitement at
the beach. We collected shells
and found seaweed.



I had a fantastic holiday. I
went to Nanny's house.
I played with cars and
Nanny bought me a new
one.



Logan